Meeting Lincoln

Original letters describing encounters with the 16th President of the United States

Surnames beginning with

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Forks and Rice Co Minn
Oct 18th 1931
To Mr Harvard K Hess
Dr Sir I have been away from home for 2
Months & Returned on Oct 16th & Found your Letter
When I Reached home & I wish to say most
Frankly that I am Glad to Grant your Good
Wish that I Know about that Great and
Noble Man Abraham Lincoln In the Year 1862
While I was in the Civil war I was Sent
from Newcreek Virginia to Washington as a
Hospital Nurse & had More Privilege than Some
others So I thought I would go up to the
White house & See if I could See Mr Lincoln
I was allowed to go in from the Lines I
had I went in & he Seemed busy he
Looked up & Saw I had Soldiers Clothes on
& I Saluted him & Said to him You are my
President & I only had a Great Desire to See
You & Shake hands With You & told him that
I walked 3 miles to a recruiting Station and
Enlisted & Walked back home he Said to me
You are a Loyal Boy then I Said to him
I had never had any Pay Since I Enlisted

And he & came on from Dallas & both
my he looked home Jan use this. Part of
the Time he was very Sober looking and
2 or 3 Times he Smiled, or looked a bit
Cheerful & Said he hoped I would not
Get Killed & We Shook hands once more &
Parted

This is about as near the facts as I
can give in Jan I so regard it the
Incident

& I give Jan this with great Pleasu

& I Subscribe My Self as Ballans

Father & Loved all adm of Co H. 55 Mo
Ohio Volunteers

& My address is No 406 — 3rd Ave West
Faribault Minnesota

Cahota
~~Cohota~~, Pamphlin... Hot Springs, S. Dak.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF NATIONAL HOMES
BATTLE MOUNTAIN SANITARIUM

Hot Springs, South Dakota February 9, 1931

To: Howard K. Terry, Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Veterans in B.M.S. who knew or saw Abraham Lincoln

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 28th has come to me for reply.

I find that there are two veterans here who saw Lincoln - Edward Cohota and William Pamplin. Mrs. W.N.Martin Belle Fourche, South Dakota, also saw Lincoln as she attended a Lincoln Douglas debate.

Trusting this will be of some assistance, I am,

Very truly yours,

Esther M. Martin

(Mrs.) Esther M. Martin
Social Service Dept.

APPROVED:

Earl A. Nevers

GOVERNOR & SURGEON

EMM:W

Cahota, E. D. Washington - soldier Hot Springs, S. Dak.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF NATIONAL HOMES
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Hot Springs, South Dakota, February 26, 1931

EMM/W

To: Howard K. Terry, 9528 Wisteria St. Bustleton, Philadelphia

SUBJECT:

Dear Sir:

Mr. Cahota has requested that I reply to your letter and send you the attached clipping which is indeed interesting.

Mr. Cahota clearly recalls shaking hands with Abraham Lincoln in February 1864 when his regiment passed through Washington. While his memory is good, he says very little except that it was a great pleasure to meet Mr. Lincoln and that he recalls how much he looked like the pictures published in that day.

Mr. Cahota was in the battle of Cold Harbor and the siege of Petersburg under General Grant, as this clipping will tell you. He is in his 89th year, but rugged and hearty with a ready fund of wit and interesting stories, and it was a pleasure to him to reply to your letter.

Very truly yours,

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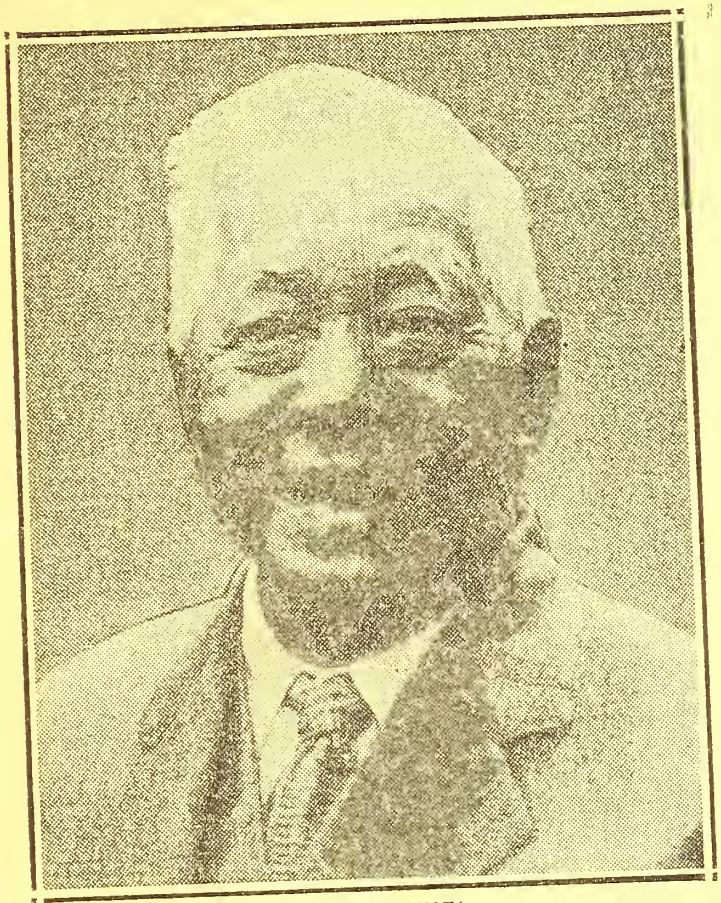
ONLY CHINESE G. A. R. VET VISITS GLOUCESTER, HIS BOYHOOD HOME

E. D. Cahota, Cabin Boy Picked Up in the East in 1857, Not Only Fought in Civil War, But After It Served 30 Years in Regular Army



EDWARD D. CAHOTA

Special Dispatch to the Globe

GOUCESTER, Aug 8—Edward D. Cahota, Chinese veteran of the Civil War, is visiting here from the National Sanatorium of South Dakota, accompanied by his son.

According to the National Tribune, organ of the G. A. R. veterans, Comrade Cahota was the only full-blooded Chinaman that enlisted for Civil War service and up to the time of the World War was the only Chinaman ever to enlist in the Regular Army. Incidentally, Mr Cahota claims to be a Gloucesterite, which accounts for his visit here. He is nearly 80 years of age.

In 1857 Capt Sargent S. Day, skipper of the last of the old square-riggers from here, was on a voyage to the treaty ports of China. While there he took on a Chinese cabin boy of eight years who proved such a likeable chap that the captain adopted him under the name of Edward Day Cahota.

Cohota grew to manhood around Gloucester. The Civil War was on and he enlisted in 1864, at 15, stretching his age, and was assigned to Co I, 23d Regiment, under Capt Edward Story of this city, and saw service with that regiment. And now comes a story.

At the battle of Cold Harbor a member of the company, William E. Lowe, now of Marblehead, was wounded, and Cahota took him to the rear to the ambulance station. Then he rejoined the fighting line. At the reunions of the 23d Regiment in recent years Comrade Lowe, when the roster of Co I is called, responds, adding, "the only surviving member of Co I."

So when Comrade Cahota learned that Comrade Lowe was in Marblehead, somewhat ill, getting in his son's auto, he drove up and located his house. There is no need to say that the recognition was mutual or that the reunion was touching.

After the war Mr Cahota went West. The lure of the service still proving strong, he enlisted with the Regular Army and remained with it 30 years, until 1904, when he was retired.

Mr Cahota has visted here periodically. He still thinks of Gloucester as home although the changes of the years have blotted out many familiar faces and scenes. He is active mentally and physically and is enjoying himself immensely at the home of friends.

Capt Sargent S. Day, his benefactor, is well remembered. He lived in the imposing three-decker house in Pleasant st, built by another East Indiaman, Capt Elias Davis, now the home of the Cape Ann Scientific, Literary and Historical Society.

In the 90's he gave a birthday party which was memorable. Nothing was wanting. His cellar, stocked with a rare accumulation from foreign countries, was liberally drawn on and none went away dissatisfied. It was open house from morning until night. The guest book included the best known names in this locality and was published in the Boston Globe at the time.

Campbell, J. W.

Seattle, Wash.
C. B. BLETHEN
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

The Seattle Times

June 1, 1932

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
9528 Wistaria St.,
Bustleton, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

The clergyman who told in the February 11th edition of the Seattle Times how he lost his vote for Lincoln, was Dr. John S. Sherrill of 4520 - 5th N. E., Seattle.

The item of February 12th about the Seattle man who jibed Abe and was slapped, referred to J. W. Campbell of Lake Forest Park, R. F. D. Seattle.

Extra copies of the Times of these dates are available in our Circulation Department. The regular charge for papers is 2¢ and there is an additional fee of 5¢ for each month elapsing after the edition is printed.

Yours very truly,

Florence M. Walsh

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INFORMATION BUREAU

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Campbell, J.W. Lived across from Edwards Home - Friends Seattle, Wash.

MR. J. W. CAMPBELL
BOX 498, LAKE FOREST PARK
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Mr Howard K Terry
Phila. Pa.

Dear Mr Terry I am to apologize for not answering your enquiry about President Lincoln. but when your letter came I was suffering with rheumatism in my hands. they are better now.

I was born in Springfield Ill in 1851. only a few days before 52 - so when Mr Lincoln left Springfld in 1861. I was only 9 yrs old. but as my parents were intimate friends of the Lincoln's & while father was a life long Democrat having been a Dem's State officer practically all his life - the families were very intimate. Mrs Edwards a Sister of Mrs Lincoln lived right across the St from

our home. Mrs O M Smith another Sister 3 Blocks away & Mrs Wallace near the Lincolns 5 Blocks. ~~His~~ All of these women were my Mothers most intimate friends. My personal childhood was Spent playing with the Smith & Lincoln & Stuart boys. My first accident came from a broken arm caused by Willie Lincoln pushing me out of an apple tree. Another personal touch with Willie came when I was 8 yrs old. Mr Lincoln took Will over to the house one Sunday After noon. Father & Lincoln sat under a large tree in the yard. While Will & I played about. & soon were in a quarrell. Mr Lincoln spoke quite sharply. "Will "behave yourself." As my own name is Will. It took it for myself - & it scared me. both Men laughed when Father spoke "Will Stop quarreling

My next remembrance was during the Campaign My parents gave quite a long & party. the Lincolns the Governor of the State & the house was full of Prominent People. Mr Lincoln & a number of Gentlemen were talking in the lower hall. I was upstairs just above them. as we were Douglass democrats, and it was a hot campaign & I was a kid who mixed about some & very partizan. I called down over the balcony.

Hurrah for Douglass! well I can still feel the silence that followed. then Mr Lincoln called up. "That is right young Man Stand up for your party" Mother soon had me under Lock & key in a back room where I stayed. until at least I Ate. then I was put to bed with a promise of "The Birch" in the morning but I did not get any thing but a severe lecture

from both journals. I was at the Wabash train when Mr Lincoln left for Washington & at the Alton train that bro't his body back.

When Tom "Tad" the youngest son died in Chicago he was buried from the home of Mrs Edwards and I was one of the pallbearers. also a pall bearer when they moved Willie, who died in 1862 in Washington. these two boys were buried in the Monument at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs Lincoln visited Mrs Edwards on at least two occasions after Mr L death. and my Mother was over there almost daily & Mrs Lincoln came to our house & met her of course on these visits. Gov Yates the War Governor of Illinois. appointed My father as an Agent of the State to arrange for War Material to be sent from the Federal Govt to troops making

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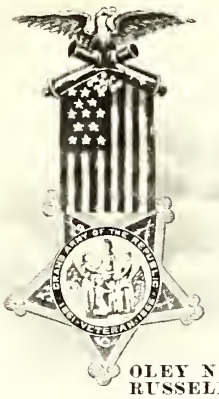
at Cairo & Springfield. Father was in Washington for nearly 2 yrs & kept a diary of his doings. It is a very interesting little book. tells of his trials & joys at the White house. Riding with Mrs Lincoln being presented to Lincolns Cabinet and many ~~calls~~ visits while there. Nothing I have not told you. & as my hand was tired. at 80 yrs one tires easily.

Cordially Yours

J. M. Campbell

Campbell, S. A. Washington, D.C. Mattoon, Ill.

"One Country, One Language, One Flag."



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MATTOON, ILLINOIS

November 16, 1931

Howard K. Terry,
9528 Wisteria St.,
Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 20th, for which I thank you. Pardon a busy man's delay in not answering sooner.

I was very much pleased to receive this letter from an unknown friend. I surely thank you for ypur congratulations.

My Military service first was with the 76 Pennsylvania Zouas. Second enlistment was with 151st Illinois, Company H, in which regiment I veterinized out of the Pennsylvania regiment, and was finnally discharged on Feb 7, 1866, and my discharge signed by General U. S. Grant, which I still have, shows me to be 17 years of age and no objection shown to my being re-enlisted. My Brigade received the last surrender from a reminant of a Confederate Army at Kingstown, Ga.

Yes, I met President Lincoln and shook hands with him at Washington when he came out to review our regiment of Zouobs. He passed along the line and shook hands with everyone of us. The only time I ever saw Mr. Lincoln.

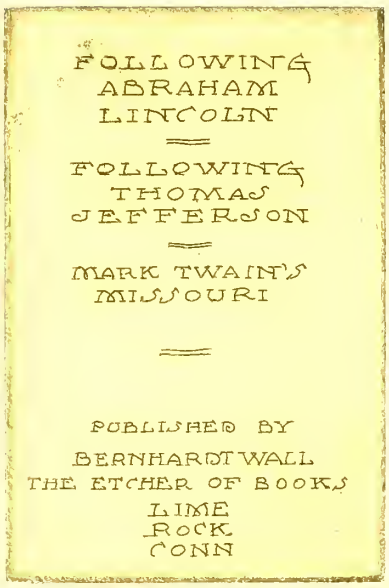
I live 12 miles from burial place of Thomas Lincoln, Abraham's father. I unveiled Thomas Lincoln Monument with the old Camp Grant Flag that flew over General Grant's head-quarters at Mattoon in year 1861.

Any additional information I will be glad to furnish you at any time. Will be glad to hear from you again.

Respectfully,
S. A. Campbell

Springfield, Ill.
Lived across from L.

Capps, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Yakima, Wash.



Oct. 11, 1[illegible].

My Dr. Warren:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Nos. 178 to 181 inclusive of Lincoln Lore.

If you are carrying on further as to persons who knew and saw Lincoln, I will submit the following:

Lt. Col. W. F. Blackington, living in Lime Rock, age, 91, saw in 1[illegible] saw Lincoln at a review of the army.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Capps, aged 90, and now living in Yakima, Wash., who lived across the way from the Lincolns in Springfield, who knew A. L. as coming mornings for hot coals to start his own fires. Her playmate was was Bobbie, Robert Todd Lincoln.

Yours truly,

Bernhardt Wall

Cargill, F. A. Petersburg, soldier Bridgeport, Conn.

Bridgeport Ct.
Aug 26. 31

Howard N. Terry.
Dear Sir.

It was my pleasure to see Mr. Lincoln the day after the evacuation of the City before Petersburg and Richmond. The 9th Corps had stacked arms on a crest looking into Petersburg, awaiting orders. Mr. Lincoln, escorted, followed by a cavalcade of Army and Civic dignitaries and halted quite close to my Company. It was a very inspiring moment for one as a kid of 15 yrs. I do not know of any Comrade living who saw Mr. Lincoln (in this vicinity). I had been about a year on the firing line. I trust you may obtain enough data to write a book.

Sincerely Yours
F. A. Cargill. Past Dept. Comdr. Conn.

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North Dakota Soldiers Home

LISBON, NORTH DAKOTA April 7th, 1931

Mr Howard K. Terry,
Philla, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 28th, addressed to the Commandant, has been referred to me for answer, as I am the only ex Soldier connected with the Home, that enjoyed the pleasure as well as the privilege of not only seeing, but on several occaisons being in direct personal contact with him, when he visited the Head Quarters of The Corps of the Army of the Potomac to which the Remnant of the Regilar Army, composed the Second Division.

Respectfully yours.
Col J.W. Carroll.

J. W. Carroll

P. S. Reference to President A. Lincoln.
JWC

Chambers, John T.
JOHN T. CHAMBERS
BLOOMFIELD FARM

Washington, D.C.
soldier

Kennett Square, Pa.

KENNETT SQUARE, PA., July 10 1920

T. Howard Maury —
1-20 - Indiana Ave.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: Your letter of June 28 - 20 came duly to hand and on account of sickness the reply was delayed.

I am in my 77th year practically blind but able to enjoy many things in life. I enlisted Sunday, April 21 - 61 at the age of 18 in what is known as the Fred Taylor Co. Fred Taylor was the youngest brother of Bayard Taylor and was 20 years old at that time.

We immediately went to drilling and after we had been drilling two months a Company in West Chester, Pa. called Wayne Rifles was also raising a Co., but were short forty (40) men. They asked if Kennett Co. would furnish the men to complete their Co. which would fill out the quota required from Pennsylvania under the first call for 75-000 men. So off our boys agreed

to the proposition provided Taylor would
do so as their Captain. After due consideration
we decided it was the proper thing to do.
We got Taylor Reame Captain of the —
same Rifles which was attached to the old
Reserve Regiment to Co. H. Thos. L. Hamer
Commander Col. of the Buck-tail Res. Hamer
was promoted and Taylor Reame Col..
This put down to the army
of the James under Mc Clellan. This left
the Bennett Co. practically without a Co.
We had no Captain & only 60 men, so
not satisfied them would be a further
call for troops so we went on recruiting
and drilling electing Chas. Hall as
Captain & Lieu. Bennett this division of the
Bennett Co. as of the 150th Reame Buck-tails
and for them now sent to recruit a full
Co. in anticipation of being called into
the service. and became known as the —
Bennett Co.
Under the call of '62 for 300 000
men we were called to Harrisburg Aug. '62
and sworn into the 124th Reg. Penna. Vol.
as Co. A. Chas. B. Roberts of West Chester
Pa. Cap. The 124th Reg. was made up of
2 Co's from Del. Co. and 8 from Chester

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Co. D. commanded by Lt. H. Hawley
of Media.

While waiting in Harrisburg for equipments we naturally collected in groups to cook our meals and fraternize together. As we sat around the fire in the evening singing songs it developed there was a good deal of musical talent in the Co. Some one suggested that we get some musical instruments to accompany us. A committee was appointed and purchased 2 violins, 1 German Flute a Guitar and a music book. The sum total was $13.50. Early in the service we were quartered in Sibley tents which were shaped like an Indian wigwam and accommodated 16 men each. These tents had different names such as Wild Cat, Tiger, Little Elephant, Big Elephant, Rattler &c while our tent was named Harmony Hall. Now you would naturally think it was a queer thing to have musical

instruments of this character in the army, but they never gave us any trouble as we could from view we left Camp and at the next camp would find the instruments in good condition as they were brought along with the officers Baggage. On the back of the Indian we always to carry the names of the dead-mates, and a general record of our battles. In this manner the names and records of our battles, as some of them became Buck-tails we named it Co. H. Buck-tail Camp Hall which was a mistake as only part of us were Buck-tails which caused some confusion, and in writing the Programme of the Chester County Pageant it was stated that it was a Buck-tail which I never was and never claimed to be.

After the battle of Antietam, Mc Clellan was discharged, Burnside became Commander-in-chief and in our wanderings we went into Camp in London Valley on the Wheatland Mills Plantation. The Plantation house was occupied by an aged couple that had a son in the Northern Army a son in the Southern army and an only old daughter. The Proprietor

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asked protection from our Commander against marauders. It found it necessary to destroy the property, a thorough account of all the property taken and a requisition made on the U. S. Gov.. All their stock was taken from and stacks burned leaving the family without any food or fodder and were obliged to subsist our army rations of hard-tack and coffee. I was one of three guards appointed to protect the family.

Soon an order came from Burnside to prepare for a long march to Richmond, no excess baggage to be taken, and to be thoroughly prepared for a Winter campaign. We took the musical instruments down to the family named Williams hoping they would take care of them. After the war in '66 I was curious to know about the instruments so wrote to Williams if they remembered a Yankee leaving some musical instruments with them and

after the battle of Antietam Soon I received a box by express with the instruments in perfect condition with a letter telling of their safe arriving home safely, and the government had paid every cent of the requisition I divided the instruments among the boys and kept the old guitar which I have in our living room at Bloomfield.

About the 15th of Aug. 62 our equipments having arrived we were hustled into not too clean cattle cars, door closed and locked and were rushed to Washington but not through Baltimore, the morning of our arrival we were ordered forward with many others in review before Pres. Lincoln, who stood on the Capitol steps. On his left was seated Mrs. Lincoln, Lincoln stood beside a little stand and Tad their boy eight or ten years old stood between them. Lincolns left arm was thrown caressingly around the boys shoulders and as the troops gave the flag salute, Lincoln doffed his right hat by catching the rim behind.

We crossed the historic Long bridge and straightened out for our march to Alexandria, a distance of fourteen miles. The day was fearfully hot, in short nothing

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about marching and were loaded with keepsakes from home. Soon there was an exchanging of perfectly good Canvas shirts which were left by the roadside to be called for later. On arriving at Alexandria we were set to work building earth ramparts. The morning of the 24th of Aug. there was the sound of the battle in the direction of Manassas about ten miles distant We were hurriedly formed into line and started on the quick step in that direction. We reached Centerville, seven miles from Alexandria where we met the Northern army in a wild panic of retreat. There was nothing we could do but return to Alexandria very much discouraged, as it looked as if Washington was doomed to capture.

The panic was caused in a very simple way. Some of the ghouls of Washington wanted to see a battle, rode down in carriages. On the explosion of a few shells the horses

began to move with Lee rushing through the troops which started the different regiments in a panic.

Now to make it plain you must know these troops were green troops having just been brought into the service. Lincoln learning just what did happen ordered Mc Clellan to come to the relief of Washington with 30000 men. When they debarked at Alexandria about half of the Army of the Potomac joined forces with the Mc Clellan men and marched to Washington through Georgetown. This is the night of Sept. 1st.

After crossing at Georgetown and a rest of two or three hours we were started on a march to intercept Stonewall Jackson who was evidently intending to capture Philadelphia and at the same time to out flank Washington. We struck the advance at Chantilly, Gen. Lee's Summer Home, and after a short engagement lasting two hours Stonewall Jackson began a retreat.

We followed them up as fast as possible and shortly after noon on the 15th we came to the Monocacy river opposite Frederick, Md. The bridge had been blown

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us and it was up to us to wade across. Fortunately the water was not very deep but very cold. We saved our powder and provisions by holding it high above our heads. We laid our blankets and the contents of our haversacks on the sand in the hot sun and all hands undressed and plunged into the river. About 4-000 men probably the largest wash-day Frederick ever had.

We were told we were to have Saturday afternoon and Sunday to rest, tonight and early Monday morning we were again put into motion and continually told to step out lively as our advance was engaged in battle at South Mountain about a days march away - and needed help.

Our division marched out Patrick St. and we passed a small frame house the two front steps abutting out into the pavement. On the top step a woman was frantically waving a Union flag. We didn't know [illegible]

it was all about as there were hundreds of other Union flags waving in the town. We did not know the significance of this display and boy like we just thought the old woman had end. But we were ordered to salute her flag as we passed along.

We did not know what it was all about until John G. Whittier wrote the poem Barbara Fritchie which gave all particulars and that this woman was the one who waved the flag in the face of Stonewall Jackson as he moved North. We never knew what took place on Stonewall Jacksons return South.

In the battle of South Mountain was a prelude of Antietam at Sharpsburg, Md. The battle of Antietam was a hand to hand slaughter, in seven hours and twenty minutes one fifth of the men were either dead or severely wounded.

Lee asked for an armistice of twenty-four hours to bury the dead and care for the wounded. This was on Sept. 17-'62. On the 18th we buried the dead and cared for the wounded and on the 19th advanced and found the rebels had retreated. We followed on, crossed the Potomac again

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raded over the Shenandoah over Loudon Mt. into Loudon Valley -

At this time there was a great change in the army. Mc Clellan was discharged and Burnsides came into command and he proved to be incompetent. Under him we made the march known in history as "Burnsides mud march"

We reached Fredericksburg Va, a dejected worn out army. After a few days sojourn we marched back to the Potomac and halted at Aquia Creek. In April we were again started toward Fredericksburg and fought the battle of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville which was practically the same.

Then Burnsides was transferred and Gen. Hooker came into command. On May 1st the nine month mens time was up and Gen. Kane on the morning of the 1st of May called his Brigade to attention and stated "boys your time

up today and you can demand your discharge if you want it but you know this is the second day of the battle and defeated every day and now know we want you and want you bad if any of you will re-enlist for this campaign please step forward one step" - the whole Brigade stepped forward then he halted us and said "You misunderstood me, this is a re-enlistment. Now if you will re-enlist please step forward a step" - the whole 3000 stepped forward as a unit. He said "all right boys come on".

I was called to the front and was elected Brevet-Major in the place of our Major who had become incompacitated. I was ordered to take his horse and equipments and act as courier. This was the 3rd day of the battle. I held the position until noon of the fourth day of the battle when we deployed into an opening in the wilderness; the men halted just as if the thing had all been planned and the door of the trap slammed shut. We were fighting back to back and it looked as if we must surrender.

The Commander said "Chambers

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it looks as if we needed help, can you carry a message to head quarters?' I told him "I'd try my damndest." The only outlet was through a swamp full of green briars and grape vines and after a severe struggle I found mine at head quarters delivered my message asking for artillery. I returned to my position in the Brigade and soon the artillery arrived and the bugle sounded 'cease firing, and the regiment was saved from capture. In the turmoil I was wounded about two hours before sunset. Shortly before this time Stonewall Jackson received his mortal wound.

This closes my army experience as I the hospital four months in Harrisburg and could never return to the army.

You ask if I had ever seen Lincoln. I told you I had seen him once but have seen him frequently since at least

a dozen times - three times under Mc. Clellan. review and twice on Burnsides army review. Lincoln made a marked contrast in his dress between him and his sub-ordinates. He usually rode horse-back with his stirups about six inches too short for him - none too neat brown suit and a high topped hat and usually a shawl turned around his shoulders while his Generals would be dressed in the height of military uniform, brass bullons and ostrich plumes in their caps.

I hope this may been of interest to you its impossible for one man to tell the whole story and I can only given you a synopsis of my experience. Thanking you for your interest in writing me I am

Very kindly yours.

Jno. T. Chambers.

P. S. Have sent you under separate cover a booklet of the Chester Co. Pageant given at Longwood Gardens, where the old guidon was seen.

J. T. C.

Chick, Wakefield,... Maine

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Bureau of NATIONAL HOMES

EASTERN HOME

NATIONAL SOLDIERS' HOME, MAINE.

Feb. 2, 1931.

To: Howard K. Terry, Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Members knowing Abraham Lincoln.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of January 28th, 1931 was circulated through our civil war companies and the following members stated they had seen Abraham Lincoln;

Frank M. Chick, 2nd Me. Cav.	(Company K.)
George W. Wakefield, Co.1st Me. Cav.	(Company K)
James Madden, K 1st Mass. Cav.	(Company K)
George D. Herriott,	(Company C)
Albert L. Sylvester,	(Company C)
Frank Hatch,	(Company C)
Abijah K. Ayer,	(Company C)

You may obtain further information by directing a communication to the above Civil War Men to the address of their local Company as shown above.

Very truly yours,

/Keith Ryan

Keith Ryan,
Governor, Eastern Home,
Bureau of National Homes, Veterans' Administration.

Chickner, Mr. John S.

Boyne City, Mich.

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Gentlemen:

Mr John Chickner is well along in the 80's - and looks his age. Walks with a cane and is bent with the weight of years. He is a highly respected farmer. His letter is enclosed -

Yours truly
Boyne Citizen
Raine Ed

Beat this to the editor
in regard to snow
in the last time
would say that Cedar
Chief was 8 miles
south of Rochester and
Bear for a while we
moved 3 miles south to a
little place called Carr
with moved to the home
district, a years time
last October arrived we
log the road through the
start with and my log
in a yoke with to mule
splitting rails also tilled
the hill round about 15
from the city of log was
building & until & art in
a place call graft a mile
who have all passed away
long ago only one girl

my grief had so worked
passed away last day in
this city inquest of the State
and a family of 12 children
all dead but my age two brothers
united in the case was
in the keeping of God the
guinea Being 19 years old
Rat can ... this world
Husband suffering & the in-
jured more the three cent
pair the first week
& two cent per there
printed card was on this
yesterday Clement

Clark, Allen C.

Shook hands

Washington, D.C.

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Mr Howard K. Perry,

My dear Sir:

Mr. Joseph L. Keefer lives in this city - 609 La. Av. Mr. Evans died.

I wrote two Lincoln books - Abraham Lincoln in the National Capital and Abraham Lincoln the Merciful President. The price of the first mentioned is $3.50. I could give you the second.

I shook hands with Mr. Lincoln. I was seven years of age at the time. A Mr. Smith newspaper correspondent introduced Mr Lincoln. At the minute I cannot give the full name and address. Perhaps it is William H. S. - 4. 8 Perry Place. An interesting man.

Yours

Allen C Clark

December 9, 1931.

Clark, L. A. Mrs. Washington - shook hands 1861 Port Clinton, Ohio

Clark, R.D. ~~Meir, John C.~~ Mt. Pulaski Court Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Mr Howard K Terry
Philadelphia
Pen.

Mt Pulaski Ill
Apr 13, 1930.

Dear Sir—

Mr John C Meir gave me a letter which you wrote to him with a request that I send you an answer.

Mr Meir informs me that he saw Abraham Lincoln at one time while he—Lincoln—was attending court here.

My own parents lived here when the court-house, now used as the P.O. was built—and I may have seen Lincoln later during court-session.

My father was born in Bourbon Co. Ky. Sept 30, 1809, and I was born in a log cabin near this town the day he was 35 years old.

My parents were married in Springfield Ill. and moved from there to Athens Ill. where they resided from about 1834 to 1841.

At one time while they were living there my father helped Lincoln do some surveying in that vicinity, and at least on one occasion took Lincoln home with him for dinner.

That was before my time, but my parents related that to me.

I have a very vivid recollection of hearing

Lincoln make a speech in the town of Lincoln Ill. when I was about 14 years old.

During that speech a man in the audience took exceptions to some remark that Lincoln had made, and got up and seemed inclined to want to argue the question.

Persons began to demand that the man be put out, and a move was made as if to do so.

I do not remember Lincoln's exact words but it was to the effect that he be allowed to remain and hear the truth

The apt words of Lincoln, and the way he used them, together with his good humor seemed to captivate the audience, and the fellow was allowed to remain, but he gave no further trouble.

My father was a great admirer of Lincoln I marched with the wide awakes, but was not quite old enough to vote, even at his second election

There is a marker in the square here to the memory of Lincoln One of our local papers printed a very good account of the dedication of the bronze tablet. I have but one copy and would not like to part with it. If you care for a copy I will try to get you one. If I fail to get one I will copy from the one I have and send to you if you wish

Yours very truly

R. D. Clark

Clark, Wm. G. Shook Hands

Hancock's Bridge June 6, 1931.

Mr Howard K Terry

Dear Sir

I am verry sorry to inform you of the death of Wm G Clark May 30. He has been going down since the first of the year When he lost his wife. He was very proud of the fact of shaking hands with Lincoln. he told me about it several times. I am sorry he did not write you at the time he Rec'd your letter but he was past writing and should got someone to do it for him I am sending Standard & Jerseyman You will find in it his picture and a letter of the facts Wm. Smalley came to see him the day before he died but he did not know him.

Wishing you health and happiness I Am. Yours truly

Wm C Fenimore

Clough, Horace E. Washington, D.C.

Mr Howard M Cr
9528 Whitman Pl
Ba
Pl
Penna

Dear Sir

of April 7 re
received and was glad to get a sug
the Lincoln bond of being a
few days ago I had an open
Abraham Lincoln Association
saw him in the summer of 1864
was a large open carriage the Sec
retary of war was with him. Just
to right sir you look just like
your picture I have seen
but to my knowledge his
guard of One hundred men held the
crowd of any attempt and a few words
about them may not be out of place
here. They were furnished by one of
the middle western states Ohio or
Illinois am not sure but the latter
I think they were carefully selected
each man stood 6ft or over in height
and must weigh to a certain standard

The horses were all jet black pony
western animals and showed much
care in their selection none were less
than 16 hands high and were of power-
ful build. but these good qualities
in their horses did not prevent the
riders from getting into trouble, the
Capt and First Lieut were
arrested court martialed and sent
home in disgrace while the Second
Lieut took command of the compa-
ny. the presidents untimely
death the mounted guard was
ordered over to the police force of the
city and did duty there till the close
of the war and were mustered out
It was an open secret among the
soldiers that the president was never
in love with his mounted guard
Ode will know how much the Supt
told you about me but enough no doubt
so here we will ring off with my kindest
regards to yourself and wife

Sincerely yours

Horace E. Clough

Apr 55.

JUDGE COCHRAN IS 87

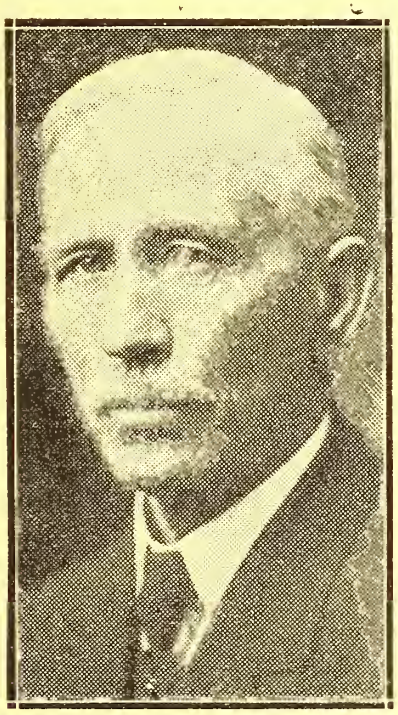
PROMINENT JURIST CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY ON FRIDAY.

Remembered By Many Messages Of Congratulations On Anniversary.

1931

On last Friday, Nov. 13th, Judge W. G. Cochran celebrated his 87th birthday quietly at his home in this city, where he lives with his daughter, Mrs. Grace Richardson and family. Several persons called on him. Many sent messages of congratulations and kind remembrances.

Judge Cochran is one of three persons still living who left here Aug.



2nd, 1862, to serve in the Civil War in Company A, 126th Illinois. All of the rest of the company of 101 men together with the recruits who joined the company during the term of service are dead. The three surviving are James H. Crowder of Bethany, who is 90 years of age, David B. Black of Decatur, who is 86 years of age and Judge W. G. Cochran, 87 years old.

Judge Cochran has been a resident of Moultrie county since October, 1849, and a member of the Masonic lodge at Lovington since 1868 and a a member of the Methodist church since October 1866. He heard Lincoln speak in the Freeland Grove park August, 1858, and saw Douglas here on the same day.

Cochran, W. G. Sullivan, Ill. Sullivan, Ill.

speech

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SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

W. G. COCHRAN
COUNSEL
GEO. A. SENTEL
O. F. COCHRAN

LOANS & INSURANCE
NOTARY IN OFFICE
TELEPHONE 69

Nov 22 — 1931

To The Librarian
Decatur Public Library: In reply to your request as stated in Decatur Herald-Review, I send the following statement.

I saw Mr Lincoln about August 12-1858 at Sullivan, Ill. He and Judge Douglass both spoke here on the same day in afternoon but they had no joint debate. Judge Douglass spoke in the Court House yard and Mr Lincoln spoke in Freeland Grove then about one quarter of a mile north of the Court House. James A Gregory and I of Lovington followed the procession to the grove. We were barefoot boys about thirteen years old, and we took our position near Mr. Lincoln. There was no platform. He made his speech with the people standing about him. There was a large crowd. I left it was a hard ~~mg~~ hear from Terre Haute, Indiana, in a

highly-decorated band wagon and then came next being a riot when the band wagon started to Fairland Grove, leading the procession.

Mr Lincoln was a tall, angular, ill-clothed man and I that he made a fine appearance. He spoke for an hour and had fine attention, even from the boys in the crowd. I don't remember much he said but I do remember that he said this:-

"Slavery should never be introduced in the territories of the U. S. without consent of inhabitants thereof." This pleased me very much.

I was eighty-seven years of age on Nov. 13-1931. and served three years under Lincoln in the Civil War.

Respectfully

W. G. Cochran

~~Baker, Mrs. Mary~~ ~~Livednear~~ ~~Greenup, Ill.~~
Coffeen, Olive ~~L.'s parents~~ Covington, Ky.

Mr. Howard K. Beers.

I never saw Mr. Lincoln. I have a pupil whose husband knows a great many stories he was told by Thomas Lincoln and owned the land upon which he was buried. I went to her home this summer and she took me to see the new monument erected to the memory of Thomas and Sarah B. Lincoln. In February 1861 the President elect went to Charleston, Illinois on a freight train. He walked from the caboose to a spring wagon on

which a young boy was boating for Lincoln. On the way they were joined by Isaac Rogers & friend and the name of the land where Mr. Lincoln's father had been buried. Mr. Lincoln cut them and drew the letters T. L. on a board and placed it at the head of the grave asking his friend to see that the grave was cared for. He then went to the humble home of his step sister and bade farewell to his stepmother.

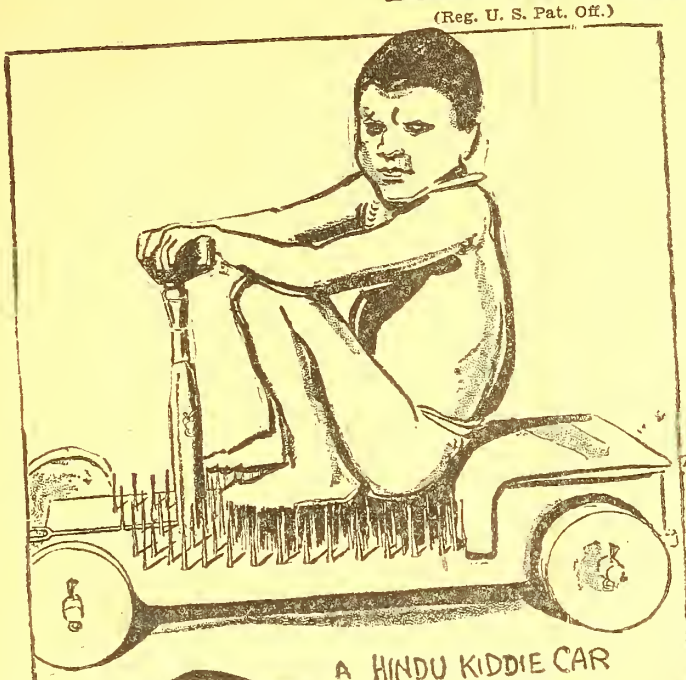
Please to return
this clipping.—

Very truly
Olive E. Coffin

Covington
Indiana
Nov. 17, 1937

Believe It or Not

(Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.)



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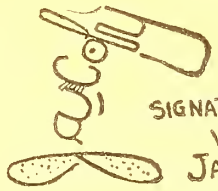
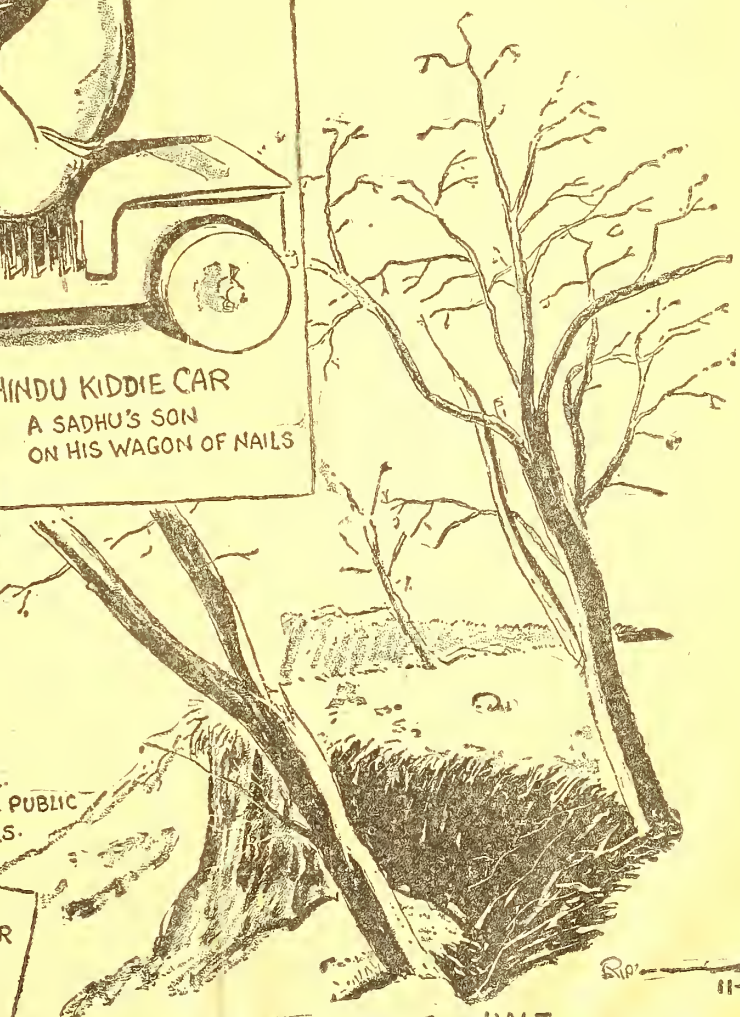
A SADHU'S SON
ON HIS WAGON OF NAILS



SIGNATURE OF
W. R.
JACOBY
New Albany,
Indiana

OLIVE
COFFEEN—... Covington, Ind.
Age 83 HAS TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC
SCHOOL 69 YRS.

THERE IS A SPOT ON YOUR BODY WHERE YOU CAN PLACE ONE HAND AND NOT BE ABLE TO TOUCH THAT HAND WITH THE OTHER
—Answer tomorrow



RIP 11-9

THE TREE THAT SPLIT IN HALF
IT STOOD ON THE EDGE OF A CLAY BANK—WHEN THE BANK CAVED IN THE TREE WAS SPLIT THROUGH THE CENTER — Chelsea, Mass.

Although the Sadhu's son on his wagon of ils did not seem entirely contented when aw him a few years ago, it is almost ain that time and place will enable him be quite comfortable in his profession. reason the role of fakir appeals to the ger generation is because it places the of holiness on the person admitted and ntees him a life of indolence and contemplation with the additional guarantee against starvation. However, in recent years the fakir ranks have become so overcrowded that a Fakirs' Union has been formed, with very strict regulations in the matter of admitting new members. For the sixty-ninth time Miss Olive E. Coffeen has put her signature on a teacher's contract in Indiana, and in spite of her eighty-three years, she has again assumed her post in the Covington district. Miss Coffeen's pedagogical career began when she was but fifteen years old, and her remarkable record of services has enabled her to take part in the growth of the school system from its early single-room stage to the present modern school.

Tomorrow—Another notable foot ball boner

Augusta, Ill.

Coffman, Helen Mars | Entertained to dinner | Augusta, Illinois

"I SAW LINCOLN"

Full Name Helen Mars Coffman

Present Address Augusta - Illinois

Date of Birth Year 1840 Month July Day 2

Place of Birth Jacksonville - Illinois.

Where you saw Lincoln Augusta - Illinois

When You Saw Lincoln September - 1858

Remarks: - My father (James Stark) was a personal friend of Mr. Lincoln and was an elector from Illinois in 1860. Mr. Lincoln spoke here in 1858 and was entertained by my father. I used to help wait on the table. Among other things to eat we had string beans. Mr. Lincoln asked if he could have them cold for supper as he liked them better that - Sliced peaches. Written for my mother by J. H. Coffman as her eyes [illegible] is much poor.

Cogshall, Geo. E. Albion, Mich. 2nd Campaign Speech Grand Rapids, Mich.

Geo. E. Cogshall
~~Manager of~~ Tax History Department
~~Guarantee Bond & Mortgage Co.~~
~~107 Lyon Street N. W.~~
Grand Rapids, Michigan
741 Clancy ave N.E.

Nov. 6/32

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Lincoln National Life foundation
Fort Wayne Ind.

Dear Sir

The GrandRapids mich. Press published an article about those who had seen Abraham Lincoln. as a lad about 8 years old. mr. Lincoln went through michigan on his campaign for his 2nd term I was living in albion at the time my father took me down to the depot. & when the train came in mr. Lincoln came out on the back platform & gave a short talk. father had worked up in the crowd close to the platform had placed me on his shoulders & when mr. Lincoln got through he looked down & rite a broad smile. reached out & caught my hand & shook & said Hello. my boy how are you.
I will be 77 the December 14th. 1932

Yours. Resp.
Geo. E. Cogshall
741 Clancy ave. N.E.
Grand Rapids
mich.

Coleman, ~~Mrs.~~ Marietta ~~Wood~~ (deceased)
[Mrs. Marietta Coleman Wood]

Lincoln, Ill.
met on road and talked

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6102 SHAWNEE MISSION ROAD
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

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Sepr. 8th. 1937.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
Ft. Wayne Ind.

My Dear Sir:-

For some time I have been in regular receipt of your Lincoln Bullitin, for which I thank you as it has afforded me a great deal of pleasure. I have been from the beginning of my reading days, not an exhaustive, but a bit more than casual student of Lincoln. This has been largely induced, not only because of my great admiration for his character, but because of a sort of personal connection thru my mother.

My mother, Marietta Wood, nee Coleman, was born in Lincoln Ill. in 1847. Mother died in Los Angeles California in 1932. My grandfather, mother's father, was Dr. Adam Campbell Wood. He was a man of considerable property for those pioneer days. Mr. Lincoln was his attorney and friend. From my boyhood I have been regaled with stories of Lincoln both from my grandfather and my mother. I remember that my grandfather used to tell how they would sit around on the porch of the hotel at Lincoln listening to his stories and how heartily, almost convulsively, Lincoln would laugh at the climax of his story. He also emphasized the fact that Mr. Lincoln's stories were by no means always parlour stories.

My mother recalled hearing a number of the Lincoln speaches, many of them historic, I have no doubt. Of course they didnt impress her much as she was but a little girl, ten or twelve years old.

This incident, however, did impress her; there was nothing [illegible]-rly arresting about it, but it did

Coleman, Mrs. Marietta Wood (deceased)

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leave an induring imprint upon her child mind of the features, the voice and the gentleness and kindliness of the great man. It also futher corroborates the thesis of you bulletin No. 436.

with thirteen year old Marietta on the seat by him, Her father, driving into Lincoln in a lumber wagon from one of his farms, was hailed by Mr. Lincoln. This was in the summer of 1860. Mother described the great tall man as granfather drew up his team and Mr. Lincoln approached the wagon. How he put his foot up on the hub. How he reached over across grandfather's lap, took mother's hand where it was lost in his great big one, said "How-de-do Sissie", commented on her eyes, ignored granfather and talked to her for a while, then proceeded to talk business to grandfather, telling him that Mr. Herndon would look after his business from then on. This was the last time my mother ever saw Lincoln. As she grew old, of course she became very proud of that moment in her life.

Very Sincerely Yours,

R W Coleman

Coleman, Mrs. Marietta Wood(deceased)

September 15, 1937

Mr. Rolla W. Coleman
6102 Shawnee Mission Road
Kansas City, Kansas

My dear Mr. Coleman:

We appreciate very much the very interesting story of your mother's contact with Abraham Lincoln and we take pleasure in enclosing a fairly good likeness of the painting we have had done to commemorate Lincoln's contact with little girls.

You will be interested in knowing that we have listed a large number of them in a specially bound book we have had made and these names will later be type-written and attached to the back of the pages. We are glad indeed to add the name of your mother with the little story about her meeting Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

Congen, Louisa A. L.-D. Debates Des Moines, Iowa
Galesburg

2711. Grand Ave
Des Moines. Ia
May 1 - 1931

Mr. Howard E. Perry -
Dear Sir

Please pardon my seeming inattention to your letter of March 16th that had reason for which was an illness & general run down which affected my eyesight.

I should think I have nothing to tell about our trip to Washington but have been over and over again. I was a student in Galesburg. Ills. in

[illegible] and presented to him at an out-of-door reception the evening before the debate. He received it with a gracious word of thanks. I forget all I saw him [illegible] but as I watched him [illegible] debate [illegible] found [illegible] on his face [illegible] If my memory is not at fault he wore a Prince Albert coat. He was angular and rather ungraceful in his movements. But I think most people forgot those things as they listened to him. He made no attempt at oratory but every sentence counted. After these many years and with a failing memory I shall not attempt to recall anything he said. (I was seventeen then, in another month I shall be ninety.) The debate

was held on Knox College campus and the crowd was immense. People were there not only from all over Knox Co. but from surrounding counties.

In 1893 at the Columbian Exposition I saw the banner mentioned on exhibition in a conspicuous place in the reception room of the Kansas building and learned it was sent by a friend of Mr. Lincoln's to whom he had given it.

Cordially Yours:
Louisa A Cowgen

Constant, C. A. Dawson, Ill. -ate dinner Decatur, Ill.

When I was a boy eight years old I remember when the Wabash R. R. was being surveyed from Springfield to Decatur by Abraham Lincoln, Joe Sealy & Jayo constant my father who resided on a farm near Dawson. Lincoln ate dinner at our house at this time, he and my father rode on the first engine driven over this road. The Engine was named after Gov Sims, my brother Simpson held me on his shoulder while I observed this wonderful sight. I also remember that he visited us on his return back from Spfld to Decatur, he was frequently seen stopping often at our home for dinner. One evening I was playing out back corn, Lincoln rode up and said "young man you are rather small to be doing such work," taking hold of the ear he helped father finish the toy and rolled it on the fire place. One of Lincoln's "hobbies" was carrying Almanacs, this was his own way of being correct as to dates, always studying months and days in each year. One while Armstrong was being tried for murder, Lincoln pleading his case said, "Judge look at this particular almanac which shows, days of the month and days of the week, known by the witness as not true." Now Judge your guilty party sits in the rear of this room." Very rapidly the guilty young man tried to make his escape, but was captured, my father and

I attended this trial.
Lincoln's brother-in-law C. M. Smith owned a whole-sale house of general merchandise in Springfield. My mother's cousin was the mother of 24 boys. Mr. Barrett entered one of these boys came into the store to buy 24 suits of clothes, Mr Smith in surprise said "Mr Barrett if you will bring your wife in and she will show she is the mother of 24 boys I will give each of them a hat along with the purchase of the suits."
Lincoln happened to be in the store and said "Barrett we will hold Smith to this bargain," Mrs Barrett came along, the suits were bought and duly given to each of the boys.
Once I attended a political speaking and barbecue on Logan Halle farm near Mechanicsburg. The speakers were John A. Logan, Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.
While Douglas was speaking he said "gentleman the Republican party remind of little pups nine days old just getting there eyes open."
Lincoln taking the stand, voiced his opinion and replied "the Democrat party reminds me of a ram. a slave holder, his favorite slave was a woman, all ways ready to serve her master this ram would butt this poor old slave

at every opportunity, the master became very indignant- and ordered a maul driven in the ground and painted black, evidently the ram mistakened this object for the poor old colored "mammy"; when the master came out he found the ram butting the supposed slave, he went back into the house came out later and found the ram had butted all but his tail off and was still butting, that is the way with the Democrat party.

C. A. Constant
Age 83
2325 E. Eldorado
Decatur, Illinois

Cooke, John B. Fort Stevens Philadelphia, Pa.
Petersburg

JOHN B. COOKE
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
47TH AND BALTIMORE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

October 14th 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,

Dear Sir:

I will endeavor to comply with your request as to my service in the Civil War, and as to my personal view of our great Lincoln.

I enlisted in Co.E Goslines Zouaves of Philadelphia on August 15th 1861. I was 18 years of age on July 22nd previous and weighed 106 pounds. I had been drilling with a Company of Military Cadets in Norristown,Pa. during the Winter and early Spring months to fit myself for the war that I knew was coming. I served three years and 11 months and was wounded four times;-at the Bloody Angle,Spotsylvanis, May 12th 1864; twice in front of Petersburg,Va. and last at the Battle of Sailor's Creek,Va. three days before the surrender of General Lee April 9th 1865. I was discharged from the Army as Sergeant on July 15th 1865. I was still on crutches when discharged.

I first saw President Lincoln at Fort Stevens,Washington,with General Wright our 6th Corps Commander. We were hurried from Petersburg to save Washington from General Early. As each Company got off the boat we ran ,not the ordinary double-quick,out Penna. Avenue and then out 7th street to Fort Stevens, seven miles it was said,and at once without halting we wheeled to our left and charged on Early and he hesitated not on his going and Washington was saved.

I saw him again shortly after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect. He reviewed the Army of the Potomac and our Division was in line with open order ranks to receive him. Lincoln was not popular with the Army of the Potomac for two reasons:-He had dismissed our Idol,General McClellan; and we as a mass were not in favor of the negros enlisting in the army. I with many others felt that we did not enlist to free the slaves,but we did enlist to save the Union. The result of this feeling was that when Lincoln rode by he received as many groans and hisses as he received cheers. To my everlastng regret I gave a groan instead of a cheer.

The next time I saw him was at the taking of Petersburg. I was ordered back to the Camp to tell the Quartermaster of the Regiment to break Camp and follow the 6th Army Corps. On my way back while walking on an elevated Confederate breastwork I saw a high silk hat riding over the outside breastworks, and I knew it was Lincoln for we all knew that he was at City Point. General Grant was with him and a large bodyguard. They were riding on a road about six feet lower that where I was walking. As they rode toward me I was fired with the thought that now is my opportunity to atone in part for the groan I gave him when I saw him last.As they came up to within twenty feet of me I pulled off my Zouave cap and shouted as I never shouted before : THREE CHEERS FOR ABRAHAM LINCOLN. He lifted that high hat and with a smile I shall never forget,he wheeled his horse about to face me as did General Grant and his staff, and we all cheered as Lincoln lifted his hat and bowed again and again in response to each cheer. I never saw him again,but I have felt better ever since,and my love for him has increased as the years go by.

Very truly yours,

John B. Cooke

Coussey, G.N. Trainman Mount Carmel,
Shook hands Ill.

Venice Florida
March 2nd 1932

Mr Henry
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

I Recd your Letter of Enquiries in Regards To President Lincoln. I was Brakeing on the Washington Branch of the B & O for Conductor Henry Duvall at the time that Wilks Boot shot him. he was a very friendly Sociable Man. the B & O offered him a Private Car But he declined to Except it for Reasons Known to himself. he made a Practice of shaken Hands with the train Men I guess I have Shook hand with him a Thousand

times or more, it was the most distressful time ever was the train often all were Morning for thirty days and the Engines Cars and Depots wer draped in mourning and Camden station and the City of Baltimore was draped in Morning I Wondered where they got the Drapery to use so Extensively, they Claimed that they Killed Booth in a Barn But I saw a Statement in the Paper about three years ago where he Lived and made a Confession of Killing the President, I am Spending the winter here in Venice Florida But will be at home in Mount Carmel Ill

about the 15th of April
I Did not get your Letter until
Today on account of Being
Down here, hoping this
will Give you the Desired
Information I Beg to Remain
Yours Sincerely
G. W. Counsey
Mount Carmel Ill
1321

Coutts, William H.

Washington
interview to get lumber

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The Lincoln National Foundation,
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Some time ago I read in the paper of the twenty seven persons in the State who recalls seeing Lincoln, and I read it to my Daddy who lives with me, and he asked me to write and say that he recalls three occasions when he saw and talked with our beloved Lincoln aside from voting for him both times.
The first time was when he made his speech at Springfield, he saw him drive up. and he shook hands with him at that time.

The next time he met him was when my Daddy was stationed at Staunton Va. and there was needed lumber for making boxes to bury about forty Union dead and it seemed the lumber people or who ever had charge would not let the Soldiers have the necessary lumber, so My Dad was sent to Washington to see the President, and he got an interview with Mr. Lincoln, and after a little visit and telling the Pres. the situation the Pres. gave him an order and said if you dont get it with this take a company of your Zouaves and take what you need, they got the lumber with-any further trouble.
The third time was in Washington, after his second election when he had the Honor of shaking hands with him.
Daddy voted for him for his second term while at Cedar Creek with Sheridans Army.

My Daddys name is William H. Coutts, and he will be ninety- three years old on the 16th. day of next March.

Cordially,

Mrs
[illegible]
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Massillon Ohio

Cowan, Judge L.-D. Debates Crawfordsville, Ind.

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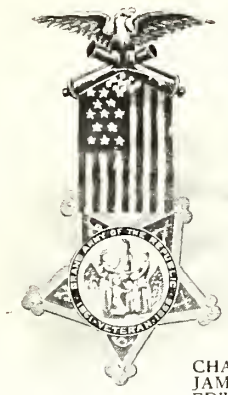

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CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND. Sept 21, 1930

Mr H. K. Jerry
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir- I thank you for your expression of good will to me, I regret to say that I never saw Mr Lincoln, My father (the late Judge Cowan) heard one of the Lincoln - Douglas debates, and was fond of telling the effect of each one on the hearers, As he recalled it Lincoln had far the most effect on the people, He made no attempt at oratory, but his arguments were uncontrovertible, He also recalled that Lincoln could tell a story apropos to the point which easily would make Douglas' arguments of little force-

I am sorry that I can not tell you more, You can no doubt get the address of Mr Bull by writing to the Manager of Hotel Gibson ~~at~~ in Cincinnati, I saw him in the lobby of the hotel several times, but did not go to see his personation of Lincoln, In fact the G. A. R. passed a resolution condemning the performance as belittling a great man,

Yours truly

E. H. Cowan

Crandall, Porter B. Washington ₱ soldier Bushnell, Ill.

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Avon, Ill.
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Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sirs:-

In the paper this morning we noticed that the Lincoln Foundation is trying to locate the oldest man in Illinois who either saw, heard or knew Lincoln. My grandfather, Mr. P. B. Crandall of Bushnell, Ill. who is 89 years old (Born April 22, 1843) saw Abraham Lincoln coming out of the White House June 8, 1864. The addressed his regiment as they marched down the Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Crandall belonged to the 163rd Ohio, Company A. Captain Rufus L. Avery.

If any further information is necessary please write to me:

Mrs. H. E. Corbin
Avon, Ill.
Box 317.

He remembers very vividly Mr. Lincoln and enjoys telling others about him.

Yours truly
Mrs. H. E. Corbin

Crandall, Porter B. Washington, White House Bushnell, Ill.

"I Saw Lincoln"

Full Name Porter B. Crandall

Present Address 1156 E. Park Ave

Date of Birth Year 1843 Month April Day 22

Place of Birth Mt. Vernon, Ohio

Where you Saw Lincoln Washington D.C. in front of White House

When You Saw Lincoln June 8, 1864

Remarks: -

He bid us goodby as we left for ~~the~~ Butler's front

Isaac H. Crim
Bedford, Indiana

Sept 7- 1932

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Louis A Warren Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation
My dear Sir

Refering to your favor of August 25th Permit me to inform you that Mrs Col A B Voris Widow of the Late Colonel A B Voris Member of General Hancock's Staff Hancock Commander 2nd Corps Army of the Potomac while Mrs Voris Was Visiting her Husband Saw Mr Lincoln When he Visited the Army of Potomac when they were encamped near Culpper Court House Va She again Saw him at one of his reception in Washington D C She is not remember date Mrs Voris is very feeble unable to walk is moved about in Arm Chair and declines to make application herein

I wish to ask you if I should be the oldest person except Mrs Voris who is 95 year old would I be eligible. I do not Want to accept any honor unless they rightly belong to me

Will you kindly give me an early answer and oblige

yours Very Truly

Isaac H Crim

Isaac H. Crim

Bedford, Indiana

The Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne Indiana

Refering to attached clipping

I beg to Say. That in October 1858 I heard Abraham Lincoln Speak at Clinton Dewitt County Illinois. also saw him at Harrison Landing when he came to visit the Army of the Potomac in 1862 he and Genl McClellan rode in front of the Army formed in Line. I saw him many times in Washington City while was in the Hospital after the Battle of Antietam

I was born January 1 1842 in Martin County Indiana and am therefore in my 91 year

Yours Truly
Isaac H Crim

LINCOLN NATIONAL
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OLDEST STATE RESIDENT SEEING LINCOLN SOUGHT

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Aug. 23 (UP)—Who is the oldest person in Indiana who heard, saw or knew Lincoln? The Lincoln National Life Foundation here is seeking that man or woman. He or she will be honored on September 16 at the dedication of an heroic bronze statue of "Abraham Lincoln, the Hoosier Youth."

Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, will be the principal speaker at the ceremonies and his speech will be radiocast over a National radio hook-up. The statue is the work of Paul Manship, New York sculptor, and depicts Lincoln as a youth.

Crim, Isaac H. Clinton, Ill. Washington Bedford, Indiana

"I Saw Lincoln" 90

Full Name Isaac H Crim

Present Address 1113 - 14th St Bedford Indiana

Date of Birth Year 1847 Month January Day 1st

Place of Birth Martin County Indiana

Where you saw Lincoln Clinton Dewitt County Illinois

When you saw Lincoln In the Month of October 1858

Remarks: - I do not remember the day of the Month I Saw him at Harrisons Landing Va in August 1862 and in Washington City during the Months of January and February 1863 I do not remember as to dates

Thank you for the Lincoln items

yours Truly

Isaac H Crim

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The Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Gentlemen:

The Augusta Eagle, Augusta Illinois, of August 25th has an article requesting an item from the pen of an aged person in Illinois who has seen, known and heard Abraham Lincoln.

I am 94 years of age. My home was in Illinois; at present is in Kansas City, Missouri. I regret I am not adept at story writing -- however, presume to send you a note.

I frequently heard Abraham Lincoln. In his address in 1860 and 1864 during his presidential campaigns. I heard the famous "Lincoln-Douglas debate" in Washington Park in Quincy, Illinois.

I recall the Civil War; the first call for soldiers; have seen the men and boys, and those in my own family of age, respond. They dropped all work -- often going from the fields, work-shops, or any industry, without saying good-bye to their dear ones.

April 15th, 1865, in early morning on an errand, the mail messenger from the Depot passed me saying : "President Lincoln is dead; was assassinated last night." The shock was so great I nearly fell. In looking back, it was darkest day. As I see, not the full nation could equal Abraham Lincoln; (and I think the same of President Hoover.)

If this is not in accord with your view, kindly give me the charity of second childhood..

Yours very truly

CARRIE R. CRIPPEN
3232 Wabash
Kansas City, Mo.

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Croxton, Worthington A. Angola, Indiana

Angola, Indiana
511 West Pleasant St.
September 10th, 1932

Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

I remember distinctly as of yesterday Abraham Lincoln swinging around the circular on his way to Washington for his first inauguration.

He was en-route Pittsburg to Cleveland over the Cleveland and Pittsburg Rail Road he was standing on the rear platform of the last coach in the train bowing to the vast crowd that had assembled to see him. Our home then was at Salineville, Ohio.,

Yours very truly,

W. A. Croxton

W. A. Croxton

Croxton, Worthington A. Salineville, Ohio Angola, Indiana
Trip to Washington - 1st Inaug.

"I saw Lincoln"

Full Name Worthington Abraham Croxton

Present Address 511 West Pleasant St. Angola, Indiana.,

Date of Birth Year 1852 Month May Day 9th.

Place of Birth Monroeville, Jefferson County, Ohio.,

Where you saw Lincoln Salineville, Columbiana County, Ohio.,

When you saw Lincoln

Remarks: No doubt you have itinerary of Abraham Lincoln on his trip Springfield to Washington for his first inaugural, he was traveling Pittsburgh to Cleveland over the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Rail Road now part of Pennsylvania R.R.System.